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Pakistan warns about ties to rebels

Northern Alliance's involvement lethal for Afghanistan, U.S. warned

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — If toppling Afghanistan's ruling Taliban is part of its war against terrorism, the United States has an eager ally.

The Northern Alliance, or United Front as it sometimes is called, wants to help, and the rebels are hoping the Pentagon will call on them.

They may not have the equipment, technological prowess or an abundance of skilled soldiers, but nobody may know the Taliban's military forces better.

Russia has pledged its support for the group. U.S. congressmen have hinted that the United States should, too.

But Pakistan political analysts and military experts warn that siding with the alliance, a long-time enemy of Pakistan, and building it up as a Taliban replacement could be a disaster.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar last week called it "a



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Northern Alliance fighters look at the Taliban position at the front line some 19 miles north of Kabul on Thursday. The opposition alliance, which holds between 5 percent to 10 percent of Afghanistan's territory, has been trying to seize areas north of Kabul.

recipe for great suffering of the people of Afghanistan."

Lt. Gen. Hameeb Gul, former chief of Pakistan intelligence, which helped groom the Taliban regime, said that it would cause disarray in Afghanistan and turmoil in Pakistan.

"The Northern Alliance cannot win because after that the whole Afghan nation would rise against the Northern Alliance — whoever is there. I can assure you," Gul said.

"Never make that mistake."

Alienating Pakistan could be an even bigger error.

Pakistani officials have agreed to help the United States eliminate suspected terrorist camps in Afghanistan, where the Taliban is believed to be harboring Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

In any American military operation to get bin Laden and shut down his alleged terror network, Pakistan's airspace and military bases are considered critical. But the alliance also could prove to be valuable to strike planners.

Taliban and alliance forces have fought the last several years. Current estimates put alli-

ance forces at 15,000 to 20,000 fighters. The Taliban, which controls 90 percent of the country, have an estimated 50,000.

The alliance might have the type of intelligence information that satellite images and high-tech hardware cannot offer.

The rebels know their units. They know their tactics. Where to bomb? Just give them a map.

But there is a dark side to the self-proclaimed freedom fighters.

They have a horrible human rights record. Their leaders are

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U.S. troops in Pakistan will face 'hostile Muslim nation'

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — U.S. troops using Pakistan bases to fight terrorists in Afghanistan likely will never go beyond a base's fence for their own security — except to fight, military analysts said this week.

Troops wouldn't stroll through Pakistan's bazaars, sample its food or travel its countryside due to intense anti-American sentiment, retired Pakistan Lt. Gen. Kamal Mabimatinuddin said.

If troops were in the country for any period of time, he said, they would have to be self-sufficient, providing their own food, water and other necessities.

"The American troops would live like the Taliban. Very isolated away from everyone," said Mabimati-

nuddin, who has written books on the Islamic fundamentalist group now ruling Afghanistan.

U.S. President Bush has threatened the Taliban with retribution if it does not turn over Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that killed more than 6,000 people.

Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf promised to share the country's military logistics, intelligence and air space with the United States in the fight against the terrorist network run by bin Laden. But analysts said Musharraf had no choice but to cooperate.

Pakistan itself has been the victim of terrorist attacks, and it did not want to become isolated from the rest of the world if it ignored America's outstretched hand, said Shireen Mazari, director gener-

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How to help

■ The American Federation of Government Employees has set up a relief fund for victims employed by the federal government and their families. Send checks to World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund, 8441 W Bowles Ave., Suite 200, Littleton, CO., 80123 (303) 933-7580.

■ The American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org>) is asking for monetary donations only. Send check to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C., 20013.

■ Individuals and corporations can donate to the United Way National Response Fund to assist victims and their families by logging on to <http://www.uwopc.org>

The United Way also has teamed up with the New York Community Trust to create the September 11th Fund. The effort is supported by the Council on Foundations based in Washington, D.C. Donors may specify the community where they would like their contributions sent. Send checks to the September 11th Fund, United Way of New York City, 2 Park Ave., New York, N.Y., 10016. For information, call (212) 251-4035.

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Attack on America

Urge for payback courses through NYC

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

NEW YORK — One of the great ironies of the Sept. 11 attacks is the location of the epicenter — Manhattan Island.

Within a day of the unprecedented attacks, the media began referring to the smoldering remains of the World Trade Center complex as "Ground Zero," a phrase that popped into parlance soon after the first nuclear mushroom cloud lifted off the New Mexico desert 56 years ago.

That feat, or folly, depending on one's view, was the result of a top-secret endeavor known as the Manhattan Project. The \$2.2 billion effort involved the development, construction and testing of the world's first atomic bombs.

Today, the United States is faced with a second Manhattan Project, one that will cost roughly 20 times its predecessor's cost.

But as New Yorkers struggle to get on with the business of rebuilding Manhattan, there is much resolve to settle the score.

And as chilling as it all may seem, many wouldn't mind lobbing a few of J. Robert Oppenheimer's "gadgets," as the atom bombs were then called, in the direction of Afghanistan.

On a street in Hoboken, N.J., directly across the Hudson River from Manhattan, a black pickup sports a bumper sticker that reads: "Nuke those Animals."

Back at the World Trade Center site, New York City patrolman Danny Edwards stands guard near the unfathomable pile of wreckage. Edwards wants Afghanistan, and the Taliban in particular, to pay dearly. Send a few missiles their way, Edwards said, and make them "glow green."

"I wrote my congressman," Edwards said. "I want to know why we haven't launched any missiles. I pay taxes. Let's do something."

Coast Guard Chief Bob Laura,



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A lone recovery worker walks Saturday atop the remains of Building 7 of the World Trade Center complex in Manhattan. The building collapsed about eight hours after the twin towers were struck. Part of one of the twin towers is seen in the background.

who visits the scene nearly every day, scoffs when he hears Muslim fundamentalist refer to the United States as "The Great Satan."

"If we are Satan," Laura says rhetorically, "then Satan is really pissed off."

The irreverent radio talk-show host Howard Stern is also at no loss for words.

On this morning, Stern is talking to a FBI agent named Chris. Stern suggests turning a few box-cutters on Osama bin Laden's family, roughly around the nape. The family of Mohamed Atta, the alleged ringleader of the hijackers, should suffer the same fate, a

reference to reports that terrorists slit the throats of some of the stewards.

What followed is unprintable here, but Stern is seething mad, as is so many others in New York. "So how do we win this war?" Stern asks the FBI agent.

"By standing up, each and every individual, and going on with your daily life," he said.

Many will do just that. For others, the healing process will be long and excruciating. That becomes abundantly clear when you see some of the family members of those who died in the attack.

"Hey, guys, can you wait a moment?" a New York City cop asks, hoping to keep a walkway clear. "We got some of the family members coming this way."

Moments later, a procession of 50 or so family members emerges from around a corner on the outer edge of Ground Zero. Everything stops. All the cops, firefighters, rescue workers and support staff cease what they are doing. No one talks. Some remove their hard hats out of respect.

While the mountains of ash debris, twisted girders and personal effects are certainly enduring memories of this place, what

is just as powerful and humbling are the faces of the people who work or visit the site.

Both parties look spent. But the rescuers at least have someone to go home to, or a brother or sister or father or mother to call on the telephone. For the people who lost a family member, it's as if a chunk of them has been ripped out and devoured.

With heads bowed, they move slowly past the ensemble of helpers. Most seem as if they are in another world.

One young Hispanic woman, for example, clutches a stack of papers, her arms folded across her bosom. Facing out from the stack is a picture of her departed soulmate. Tears stream down her face. Her eyes are fixed and focused low. A military chaplain walks along side her.

A few of the people manage to nod their heads in appreciation to the helpers and workers who formed the impromptu corridor.

"When I'm alone at night, I think about them," Chief Warrant Officer 2 Leo J. Deon said of the almost 6,000 people who perished three weeks ago.

Deon, 38, is in New York as head of a 60-member Coast Guard strike force dealing with environmental issues.

The assault "makes me angry and frustrated," he said. "Every emotion you can have, all of us feel at different times during the day. All we can do is honor the folks that have fallen here."

As you work your way through the chalky-colored site, thoughts of the future arise. What will the rebuilt World Trade Center look like? How long will it take to remove the rubble? What about the holidays? And, perhaps most importantly, what will be the lasting impact on the survivors and the people working the site?

One wonders what the physical and emotional toll will be on the people working here and just how long can they keep this up.

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'Ground Zero' no longer belongs to the military

NEW YORK — U.S. servicemembers past and present have mixed emotions about the media's constant use of the term "Ground Zero" to describe the World Trade Center site.

Some believe it's the perfect description, given the magnitude of the damage in such a confined area.

Others believe the term is historically inaccurate and has become such a cliché as to be insensitive to the people who died there.

Even some of those who have no trouble with the term, which originated during the development and testing of the atom bomb, wonder aloud if the media is going overboard in its repetitive use of the term.

"It is being overused," said Bill Woolfolk, a former Marine who now works as an officer with the Security Service in Washington.

"I think Ground Zero is not the most appropriate term to use. They are beating it into the ground."

"Ground Zero is a term that won't be associated any more with the military, after what has happened in New York City," said an Air Force noncommissioned officer in Washington, who declined to give his name. "It's also a civilian thing now."

The phrase arose in the early days of the nuclear age. While most people assume the term was coined during the development of the atom bomb, that's not entirely clear.

A U.S. Department of Energy brochure at the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque, N.M., states the tower used in the first atomic bomb test was designated as "point zero." The base of the 100-foot tower was referred to in the 1994 brochure as "ground zero."

But a check of some documents previously classified as top secret indicates that may not of been the case.

A detailed 1945 map of the test area makes no mention of Ground Zero, only point zero.

Immediately after the test, the U.S. Army, which oversaw the Manhattan Project, asked for eyewitness accounts from nine principals involved in the development and testing of the bomb. Not one used the term Ground Zero. Philip Morrison came the closest of any of them, using the term "zero" 10 times in his brief narrative.

In addition, an Army photo taken at the detonation site two months later — after Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed — featured what remained of the base of the tower. The Army simply labeled the photo "zero."

The first time the phrase Ground Zero was seen in print was in July 1946, when a New York Times reporter used the term in a story about the bombs that won the war in the Pacific.

Since the dawn of the nuclear age, the term has more routinely been used to describe the center or origin of a rapid, intense, or violent activity or change.

Robert Thompson is a professor at Syracuse University in New York who runs the Center for the Study of Popular Television. Over the last half-century, according to Thompson, the term was almost universally used in a metaphoric sense. Using the phrase to describe the scene in lower Manhattan is a more literal usage.

"This is the closest the United States has gotten to having a nuclear bomb dropped on it," Thompson said.

But it also works in a metaphoric sense, he added, because the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks signals the beginning of a new age as the nation awakes to the realization that is not immune to terrorism.

He understands, however, that some people might be tiring of the phrase in current usage.

"These days you can create a cliché and wear it out in three days," Thompson said.

— By Kevin Dougherty



Attack on America

'They don't have much time'

Taliban again refuse to hand over bin Laden

BY MORT ROSENBLUM

The Associated Press

QUETTA, Pakistan — Afghanistan's ruling Taliban refused again Tuesday to surrender Osama bin Laden without proof he was involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Speaking at a news conference in Pakistan, the ambassador for the ruling Islamic militia said the Taliban are ready for negotiations with Washington on the issue, an offer the United States repeatedly has rejected.

Abdul Salam Zaeef also dismissed Western threats that the Taliban could be toppled from power in Afghanistan if they did not meet demands to hand over bin Laden and his lieutenants in the al-Qaida network.

"Only Allah changes the regime and only Allah brings the others instead of us," he said, speaking in broken English.

Both President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair issued tough warnings to the Taliban on Tuesday, with the British leader telling Afghanistan's leaders in a speech to "surrender terrorists or surrender power."

It came as NATO's secretary general said Washington had presented its allies with "compelling" proof that bin Laden and his al-Qaida organization were behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

In response to Blair's comments, Zaeef replied: "We don't want to surrender [him] without any proof, any evidence." And he dismissed NATO's claims that Washington had presented the alliance with conclusive evidence.



JOHN MCCONNICO/The Associated Press

Taliban ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef speaks to the press in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Sunday. At left is his translator, Ratib. On Tuesday, Zaeef rebuffed U.S. and British warnings to hand over accused terrorist Osama bin Laden or face military retaliation and removal from power.

"If they are giving it [evidence] to the other countries, it belongs to them, not to us," he replied. "They haven't given it to us."

"We are ready for negotiations," Zaeef said. "It is up to the other side to agree or not. Only the way of negotiation will solve our problems. We should discuss this issue and decide."

The United States has turned down all Taliban offers to negotiate.

Bush repeated that stance Tuesday.

"I have said that the Taliban must turn over the al-Qaida organization living in Afghanistan and must destroy the terrorist camps. They must do so, otherwise there will be a consequence," he said. "There are no negotiations."

"There is no calendar." Taliban officials repeatedly have said they are not afraid of American military action, and a rally in Kandahar, the southern city where the Taliban was formed, apparently meant to underscore that defiant message.

The Afghan Islamic Press, an Islamabad-based private news agency close to the Taliban, said 10,000 marchers burned American flags and effigies of Bush, shouting that Afghanistan would not give up bin Laden. Later, Taliban officials in Kabul put the number of protesters at 50,000. No independent confirmation could be obtained.

Abdul Hanan Himat, the Taliban information minister, said marchers also denounced Afghanistan's deposed king, who has indi-

cated he might ally himself with groups seeking to topple the Taliban.

The Taliban also appeared anxious to dispel any rumors of an internal split. The Taliban's No. 2 man — Mullah Mohammed Hassan, who is thought to be more flexible in his thinking than supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar — took part in a pro-government rally in the southern Afghanistan city of Gardez, Taliban officials said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who has pledged to back the United States against bin Laden and the Taliban, was briefed Tuesday by the U.S. ambassador on the status of the American investigation into bin Laden.

A Pakistani official said afterward that Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin provided no conclusive proof that bin Laden was involved in the terror attacks.

"We have yet to receive any detailed evidence about the persons responsible for the horrendous act of terrorism, or other links with bin Laden or al-Qaida," Foreign Ministry spokesman Riaz Mohammed Khan said.

Embassy spokesman Mark Wentworth said the 90-minute meeting included several issues, among them "the status of the investigation to date." U.S. officials could not be reached to comment on the Pakistani foreign ministry statement.

On Monday, Musharraf told the British Broadcasting Corp. that U.S. strikes against Afghanistan appear certain. Pakistan's Foreign Ministry underscored that Tuesday, saying: "We have told them [the Taliban] that they don't have much time."

Bush sends Rumsfeld to Mideast

BY LISA BURGESS

Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was to leave Tuesday evening for the Middle East for "wide-ranging conversations" largely focused on the war against terrorism, spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said Tuesday.

President George Bush requested that Rumsfeld travel to the region, Clarke said, demonstrating "the very strong importance we place on the region and the coalitions" that the United States is assembling to assist in finding the terrorists responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

Clarke did not list the countries Rumsfeld was to visit or who he would talk to on the trip, which was to last "a few days."

"The agenda is still being worked out," Clarke said.

Bush sent Rumsfeld instead of Secretary of State Colin Powell on this trip because "Powell was just there a few weeks ago," Clarke said, and because



Rumsfeld

"We shouldn't be talking about specifics at all," Clarke said. "We're not going to be giving too many details The element of surprise is something we want."

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"we do want to have consultations on defense arrangements."

So far, there are approximately 30,000 U.S. troops in the Middle East, along with an amphibious ready group, two carrier battle groups, and 350 "military aircraft," Clarke said.

She refused to provide any details about what kinds of troops or aircraft were in the region, or where they have been stationed.

Michigan National Guard protecting anthrax vaccine

The Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan National Guard is providing security for the nation's only producer of the anthrax vaccine.

The move comes after a Pentagon assessment of security measures at Lansing-based BioPort Corp. in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

BioPort officials say there is no specific terrorist threat against their facility, which employs more than 200 workers.

BioPort produces a vaccine to fight anthrax, a type of bacteria that could be made into a biological weapon. The bacterium kills unprotected people by attacking the lungs; more than 80 percent of those who develop symptoms of infection die.

BioPort is only one of several Pentagon suppliers that are boosting security across the nation, National Guard spokesman Maj. James McCrone said Tuesday.

The U.S. military is BioPort's only customer, although production problems have delayed the plan to vaccinate all 2.4 million active and reserve troops. The vaccine is not available to the general public.

BioPort keeps some live anthrax bacteria on hand, but the amount is too small to be of use to terrorists, company officials have said.



Attack on America

Old seadog learns new tricks?

Aircraft carrier took fewer planes; might serve as floating base

From staff and wire reports

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The USS Kitty Hawk is headed to the Arabian Sea as a floating base for other forces without its normal complement of aircraft, defense officials said Monday.

Two defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the carrier would be available for use by U.S. special-operations forces or by Navy aircraft other than its own.

In keeping with the Pentagon's policy of not discussing operational details of current or future deployments, Navy officials at 7th Fleet Command in Japan and Pacific Fleet in Hawaii declined to comment on the report that the ship would serve as a command center.

They would only say the Kitty Hawk does not have its usual number of aircraft aboard.

At Yokosuka Naval Base, where the 40-year-old Kitty Hawk is forward deployed, Commander Naval Forces Japan spokesman Jon Nylander said he could not discuss specifics of "load out," or which aircraft from Atsugi Naval Air Station's Carrier Air Wing 5 were deploying aboard the Kitty Hawk.

He did say that "several aircraft normally stationed aboard the ship remain at Atsugi and are available to support tasking as directed."

"The USS Kitty Hawk retains the capability to support military operations," Nylander said.

The carrier can help offer a wide range of responses in the current crisis, he said, from "humanitarian operations to deterrence to striking targets deep inside an enemy's territory."

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Gordon, a spokesman at Pacific Fleet headquarters in Hawaii, confirmed that a portion of the 75-plane air wing is staying at Atsugi.

Gordon said he could not provide any other details.

One defense official said the Kitty Hawk left Yokosuka with a "representative mix" of strike and support planes on board, including combat aircraft like the F-18 Hornet and F-14 Tomcat.

He would not say how many planes were aboard but made clear it was many aircraft fewer than normal.

If the Kitty Hawk were used primarily as a launch platform for other kinds of U.S. forces, it would be unusual but not unprecedented.

When U.S. forces assembled in the Caribbean Sea for a planned invasion of Haiti in the early 1990s, one aircraft carrier had soldiers from the Army's 10th Mountain Division on board instead of its full air wing. Another carrier had special-operations forces aboard.



Above: The aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk is surrounded by tugboats and helicopters as it pulls into its homeport of Yokosuka, Japan, on Sunday morning. The Kitty Hawk is on its way to the Arabian Sea, without its usual number of aircraft. It is possible the ship will be used as a floating base.

Right: Mackenzie Titus, left, and Katlin Malone, both 13, wave to their fathers as the Kitty Hawk approaches its pier. The 40-year-old carrier completed a quick turn-around and was back at sea by Monday morning, after a nine-day cruise.

PHOTOS BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Stripes



tain Division on board instead of its full air wing. Another carrier had special-operations forces aboard.

The Kitty Hawk had briefly returned to port from a nine-day cruise this past weekend before departing again Monday morning.

The USS Carl Vinson and the USS Enterprise already are in the Arabian Sea or Persian Gulf, and the USS Roosevelt is headed there via the Mediterranean Sea.

Bush on Monday mentioned the growing U.S. naval firepower converging on the region near Afghanistan.

"On the military front we're making progress," Bush said in remarks at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We've deployed 29,000 military personnel in two carrier battle groups as well as an Amphibious Ready Group and several hundred military aircraft."

An Amphibious Ready Group is a self-contained contingent of 2,100 Marines aboard Navy ships. The core of the Marine group with the Vinson is the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In addition to the naval forces in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea, the Pentagon has dispatched more than 100 additional Air Force planes to the region since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They are based in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and other Gulf nations.

Meanwhile, Monday's call-up of reserve and guard troops brings to more than 20,000 the number activated since Sept. 20 on a presidential order the Pentagon said was designed to provide help primarily with defense at home during the global anti-terrorism campaign. An undisclosed number of them also are being deployed overseas.

Those called Monday include more than 2,300 people from 15 states with specialties ranging from military police to ordnance and special forces operations. They are more than 2,300 Army Reserve and guard, more than 900 Air Force reservists and guard and about 170 Naval Reserve.

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Backlash: Shore leave for sailors unlikely

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al of The Institute of Strategic Studies in Islamabad.

"Nobody believes that Musharraf has suddenly developed a passion for the Americans. It's a decision that was necessary," Mazari said.

"So we should make a virtue out of this necessity and see how we can use it to our benefit. At the end of the day, Pakistan is first and everything else in secondary."

Since Musharraf announced his decision, demonstrators around the country have burned American flags and chanted anti-American slogans.

The Taliban, whose only remaining ally is Pakistan, has promised to rouse people to a holy war against America and its allies if attacked.

"So, it's possible that the Taliban will be at war with Pakistan if it launches strikes on Afghanistan," said Agha Shahi, a former Pakistan foreign minister.

To make matters more severe, several of the potential bases for U.S. forces flank Afghanistan's eastern border. The region is populated mainly by Pashtuns, the world's largest autonomous tribal

society. Pashtuns, one of about a dozen ethnic groups in Pakistan, are among the most conservative. They are fiercely independent of Pakistan's central government and vociferously support the Taliban, which they consider to come from the same ethnic stock.

Shahi cautioned that any attack on the Taliban would rile the Pashtuns and other conservative Islamic groups, ultimately destabilizing the nation.

"We control the state of Pakistan for international purposes but these are very independent tribesmen," Shahi said. "They are warriors from the day they are born. They're very religious and they're equally, if not fanatically, wedded to their own tribal laws and customs of the Pashtuns."

Pashtuns also make up a significant portion of Karachi's population, making the chances of shore leave for any American sailors unlikely. Mazari said U.S. warships probably would opt for safer ports in the Persian Gulf region if tensions get too high.

If U.S. forces use Pakistani bases, Shahi said, "the Taliban could not differentiate between limited support or going whole-hog and becoming allied to Ameri-

ca against the Pashtuns."

But Musharraf said in a recent interview that Pakistan's cooperation with the American military will not leave the country in ruins.

"There is a very small minority of religious extremists," Musharraf said. "Certainly, I have no doubt there is no destabilization within Pakistan and no mass opposition" to its policies.

The anti-American feelings of many Pakistanis, the majority of whom are Muslim, run deeper than a simple reaction to America's current war footing. Analysts say there is a history of disappointment with the United States over its sanctions against Pakistan for nuclear weapons testing as well as its policies in Afghanistan and Israel.

Many of the 2 million Afghan refugees stranded in camps on Pakistan's borders blame the United States for abandoning them after the Soviet Union was defeated, leaving the country in ruins. That resentment has mounted in recent weeks as refugees flee their homeland out of fear of a U.S. military campaign.

United Nations refugee officials estimate the total number of



ZIA MAZHAR/The Associated Press

A pro-Taliban demonstrator holds a toy gun and chants anti-American slogans during a protest Tuesday in Pakistan. A retired Pakistan general says a hostile Muslim nation would force U.S. troops to stay on base.

refugees could climb to nearly 3 million people.

Despite a government ban on protests, pro-Taliban Pakistanis continue to demonstrate. On Tuesday, thousands gathered in Quetta, where one potential staging base is located, shouting "Death to America," and other slogans.

Analysts said they expect Pakistani forces would provide extra

security for American troops but not head into Afghanistan.

Lt. Gen. Hameeb Gul, former chief of Pakistan intelligence, warned that Americans coming to Pakistan face a "hostile Muslim nation."

"How on earth is the Pakistan army going to protect the bases of American operation?" he asked.

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Alliance: Pakistan blames rebels for Taliban rule

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accused of nearly destroying Afghanistan when in power more than four years ago. Their blunders helped pave the way for Taliban rule.

Would they learn from their mistakes? Could a group made up mostly of northern ethnic minorities from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan be trusted by Afghanistan's Pashtun majority?

Lt. Gen. Talat Masood, a freelance columnist and former defense secretary of production, doesn't think so.

If the Taliban is ousted, he says, the alliance's corrupt leaders would be worse.

"They should have their say," Masood said. "But if they become the dominant party, then you will increase the problems of Afghanistan because they have a very poor record. They lack character and integrity in their leadership."

Some analysts accuse alliance leaders of creating the environment for terrorists to roam free, including bin Laden. If they return to power in the capital of Kabul, some Pakistani analysts fear Afghanistan will become divided among warlords, becoming almost like a jungle ruled by tribes.

"Were they not in charge of Kabul [the Afghan capital] for four long years?" Gul said. "What did they do? When the Northern Alliance come, there will be fief-

dom."

Agha Shahi, former foreign minister and chairman of the Strategic Studies Institute, said siding with the alliance would tear the country apart.

"You cannot give that kind of aid to the Northern Alliance so that they can take over the country once the Taliban is removed," he said. "The Taliban will only carry on."

But like a police detective who leans on a shady informant to help nab the big suspect, the alliance might be the key to a successful U.S. military operation.

That will work, Masood said, as long as the alliance does not rise to power after the Taliban regime crumbles.

"So long as they do it only for tactical purposes to apply pressure on the Taliban to get the just demands of the U.S. I think it is fine," he said. "But nothing more than that."

"It would be a great failure to bring them into power and make them responsible for running the affairs. It would not last. It would cause another civil war."

But some analysts warn that accepting any support from the alliance is a risky proposition that should be avoided.

"You're getting into a big mess. Don't do that," Gul said. "Take my advice."

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Attack on America

NATO sure bin Laden had role in attacks

BY GREGORY PIATT
Belgium bureau

MONS, Belgium — The United States provided conclusive evidence to NATO on Tuesday that the Saudi-born Islamic militant Osama bin Laden was behind last month's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, the alliance's secretary general said.

"The facts are clear and compelling," Secretary-General Lord George Robertson said. "We know that the individuals who carried out these attacks were part of the worldwide terrorist network of al-Qaida, headed by Osama bin Laden and his key lieutenants and protected by the Taliban."

Ambassador Frank Taylor, the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, told

NATO's ruling body of 19 ambassadors on Tuesday in a classified briefing the results of the U.S. investigation into bin Laden, his al-Qaida network and their involvement in the attacks, NATO officials said.

"On the basis of this briefing, it has now been determined that the attack against the United States on 11 September was directed from abroad and shall therefore be regarded as an action covered by Article 5 of the Washington Treaty, which states that an armed attack on one or more allies in Europe or North America shall be considered as an attack against them all," Robertson said.

A day after the attacks, the alliance agreed to invoke Article 5 of NATO's charter if the United

States could show that the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center were directed from abroad.

Since Sept. 11, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz were sent to brief allies on the attacks and what the United States was planning, but they didn't offer allies conclusive evidence in these meetings that the attacks were from abroad.

"The Europeans would feel comfortable with a 'white paper' or a detailed report on the evidence," a Western diplomat serving at NATO said on the condition of anonymity after the Wolfowitz meeting last week.

Some allies, for internal political reasons, pressed for more evidence, an alliance official said on

the condition of anonymity. In the meantime, Washington has briefed allied capitals and NATO expressed solidarity, but the phrase "if the U.S. could show that the attacks were from abroad" left an opening for the allies to press the United States, the official said.

The briefing removes the "if" clause and there should be no question over whether Article 5 is invoked, Robertson said. It "illustrates the commitment of the United States to maintain close cooperation with its allies," Robertson said.

Since the Americans haven't asked the alliance for specific help — the United States has asked specific allies on a bilateral level for help that ranges from troops, use of bases or airspace —

NATO is not expected to play a big military role as the United States currently prepares military strikes against bin Laden, his network and the Taliban, the regime in Afghanistan that harbors them.

NATO is expected to offer intelligence to the campaign, reform itself to address the international terrorist threat and offer help when the United States calls on it, officials said.

But Robertson declined to discuss how the briefing will translate into any NATO action.

"The United States are still developing their thinking and they will come back to the alliance in due course when that thinking is crystallized," Robertson said.

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U.S. firms in Italy said to be targets

The Associated Press

ROME — "Symbols of American capitalism" in Italy may be targets for terrorist attacks, the U.S. Embassy warned Tuesday.

The embassy did not cite any specific businesses or institutions, but said the State Department "has received information that 'symbols of American capitalism' in Italy may be targeted for attack in the next month."

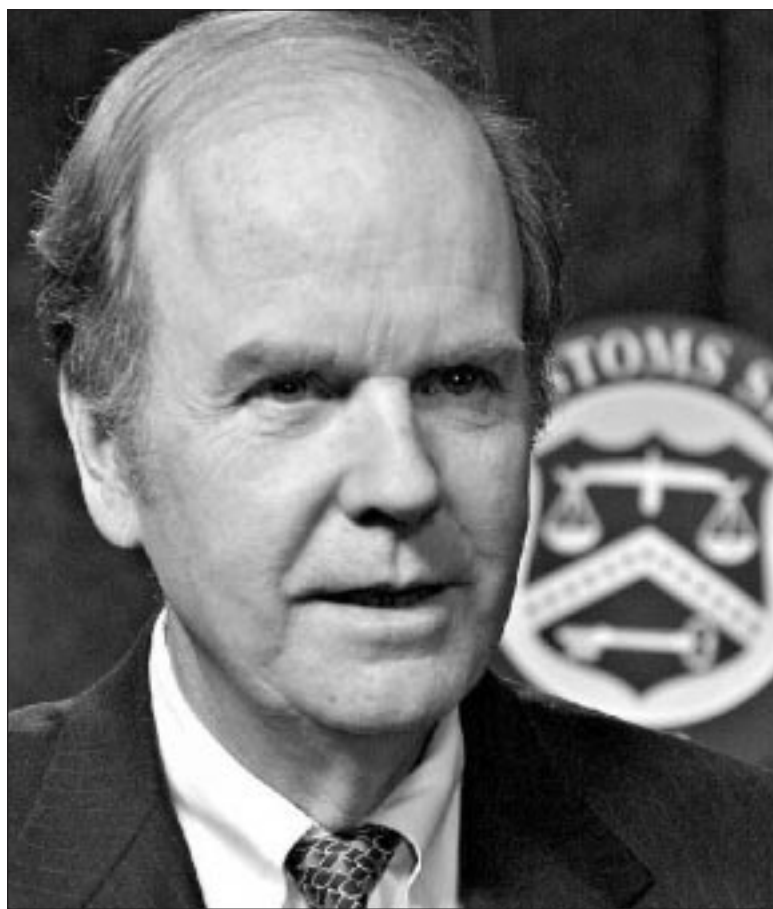
It provided no details, but said that "U.S. citizens are urged to maintain a high level of vigilance and to increase their security awareness."

Perhaps the most famous "symbol of American capitalism" in Italy is McDonald's, which has about 300 fast food restaurants in the country.

There were no signs of extra security at its flagship restaurant near the Spanish Steps in central Rome on Tuesday.

Across the piazza, however, several security guards were on duty at the American Express office and metal detectors were in use.

Neither company would comment on their security measures.



DENNIS COOK/The Associated Press

U.S. Customs Commissioner Robert Bonner on Monday said he wants his agency to have access to airlines' advance lists of international passengers to screen for possible terrorists. He also wants Congress to consider requiring the same information for domestic flights.

Chief of Customs wants flight lists

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Airlines should be required to turn over their advance lists of passengers to screen for possible terrorists, the new Customs Service commissioner says.

Robert Bonner, in an interview with The Associated Press, said Monday he first wants the passenger information for all international flights headed for the United States. Then, he said, Congress should consider requiring that such information be turned over for domestic flights as well.

The Customs Service has access to about 85 percent of international flight passenger information under a voluntary program with the airlines. It has no information on domestic flights.

"I believe that it would be extremely valuable if there is a requirement that the airlines provide that information to Customs, to feed it into our database and thereby identify potential terrorists or other suspects who make an attempt to enter the U.S.," Bonner said.

After the Sept. 11 attacks on

the World Trade Center and Pentagon, Customs, which protects the nation's borders against smuggling, has been operating at its highest level of security.

That means extra inspectors and more searches of passengers and cargo at border crossings.

Bonner said he expects the agency to remain on its highest alert into the "foreseeable future."

But he said long waits — some up to 10 hours — that have plagued ground crossings, particularly along the northern border, have eased.

On air travel, the agency has received information voluntarily from airlines since 1988 on international air passengers, including names, birth dates, nationality and travel document numbers. The information is collected at the time of departure and transmitted to Customs while flights are en route to the United States.

Ninety-five air carriers and two governments — Australia's and New Zealand's — transmit data on international soon-to-arrive air passengers to a Customs facility in Virginia.



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IN THE MILITARY

Shelton retires after 38 years

BY LISA BURGESS
Washington bureau

After serving through two major wars and overseeing the beginning of a third conflict, Army Gen. Hugh Shelton retired as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Monday.

Shelton was given a full honor review and a special medal from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to send him on his way.

Rumsfeld praised Shelton as "a tough, thoughtful leader, willing to consider something new and certainly never shy about sharing his views."

Despite his post as the senior uniformed officer in command of U.S. armed forces, Shelton "never lost touch with the brave men and women who stand sentry on the frontiers of freedom every day," Rumsfeld said.

President Clinton named Shelton the 14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in October 1997. Born in Tarboro, N.C., Shelton served two tours in Vietnam. His 38-year career has included stints as commander of the 3rd battalion, 60th Infantry in the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.; assistant chief of staff for operations for the 9th Infantry Division; commander of the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Chief of Staff for the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

As a brigadier general, Shelton served in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff beginning in 1987. In 1989, he began a two-year assignment as Assistant Division Commander for Operations of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), a tour that included a seven-month deployment to Saudi Arabia for the Gulf War.

As a major general, Shelton assumed command of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. In 1993, after receiving his third star, Shelton commanded the XVIIIth Airborne Corps. He commanded the Joint Task Force for Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti in 1994. In March 1996, he was awarded his fourth star and became head of the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. — his last post before assuming chairmanship of the Joint Staff.

His Southern accent fading in and out, Shelton described himself as "a farm boy from North Carolina," who, had he known his destiny when

awarded his second lieutenant's commission in 1964, "probably would have been scared to death."

In addition to offering thanks to Presidents Clinton and Bush and a host of others, Shelton also reminisced about his Army days, recalling, "the welcome tug of nylon straps as the parachute opens" and "the familiar feel of a uniform, carefully laid out every evening for 38 years."

A guest list that included the nation's senior defense leaders gathered to honor Shelton under the chilly gray sky, including Secretary of State Colin Powell; CIA Director George Tenet; Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz; Air Force Gen. Richard Myers — who was sworn in as Shelton's replacement earlier Monday morning — and his new deputy, Marine Gen. Peter Pace; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the services' command sergeant majors; members of Congress from both political parties; and many of the unified commanders (CINCs), who flew in from around the globe to attend.

Security to get onto Fort Myer was as tight as the military could make it. Traffic stacked up as vehicles driven by anyone without an employee badge and a special access ticket were

searched by a team of four MPs who opened hoods and trunks and used mirrors to check the undersides of cars and trucks. On Sept. 27, Shelton was asked how he felt to be leaving the military just as the war on terrorism is beginning. "I guess the analogy that I would use is: I feel like the quarterback of a football team that went out on the field, and he's behind by one touchdown, but he knows his team's going to come through and win. But you're in the first quarter and all of a sudden the coach sends a player out to tell you your eligibility just expired."

Shelton was not the only person honored during the ceremony. His wife Carolyn, who married the Army general in 1963 when he was a second lieutenant, followed him through 27 moves and bore their three sons, stood by her husband's side. Carolyn Shelton wiped away tears as Rumsfeld presented her with the Defense Department's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Rumsfeld described her volunteer work on behalf of soldiers and their families "full, generous, and deeply appreciated by the many lives you have touched with your warm, gracious and caring manner."

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JOE MARQUETTE/The Associated Press

Outgoing Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry Shelton salutes during his retirement ceremony Monday at Ft. Myer in Arlington, Va.



SEAN E. COBB/Stars and Stripes

Retired Army Col. Robert E. Jones, honorary commander of the Army's 502nd Infantry Regiment, talks with Army Pfc. Jason Stockton, a 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division rifleman from Fort Campbell, Ky., as he guards a church outside of Binach, Kosovo.

War veterans say troops in Kosovo ready for anything

BY SEAN E. COBB
Kosovo bureau

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — Two veterans toured units and facilities in Kosovo last week to connect soldiers with their military history.

Retired Army Col. Robert E. Jones, an honorary commander of the Army's 502nd Infantry Regiment, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harvey P. Appleman, the unit's honorary command sergeant major, spoke with soldiers at an awards ceremony in Vitina.

"You are far more ready for war than the soldiers in any other war I've been in," said Jones, a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. "Readiness and expertise is at the highest level I've ever seen."

"If you go to war tomorrow, I have no doubt you will stand toe-to-toe with the enemy and kick their you-know-what," added Appleman, who fought in Korea and Vietnam.

"We passed on stories that have helped us," he said. "We tell them about the importance of keeping your helmet on, keeping physically fit and cleaning your gun."

They also offered tips and advice that they learned in the field.

"They've already made the mistakes, we can learn from those," said Sgt. Troy Earnest, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. "They've been in wars, and with the current state of things, we could revert back to that."

Others agreed.

"The sergeant major was comparing some of the things we do to Vietnam," said 1st Lt. Charles Canon, a platoon leader also with Company C.

"We learned from their insights."

Advice aside, the two brought with other lessons, said Army Col. Anthony J. Tata, commander of the 502nd and Task Force Falcon's deputy commander. "It connects the soldier with his history, his roots. It makes them aware of sacrifices that have been made for them, and reminds them of the sacrifices they may have to make."

Ultimately, it comes down to one thing, Jones and Appleman said.

"It's not just about killing people, it's about mixing in cultures — it's about doing the right thing," Jones said. "And you guys are doing the right thing."

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Memorial services set for soldier

WIESBADEN, Germany — A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday at Baumholder Chapel One for a 1st Armored Division soldier who died Saturday as a result of injuries he suffered after being struck by a vehicle.

Cpl. Don J. McMann, 21, of Clatskanie, Ore., assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, was walking on the road between Baumholder's main gate and the Rod and Gun Club Gate, when he was struck by a vehicle driven by a German woman.

McMann was taken to the Idar Oberstein hospital where he was pronounced dead. He is survived by his parents.

The incident is under investigation.

Funeral planned for staff sergeant

HANAU, Germany — A funeral will be held for retired Staff Sgt. David L. Joseph at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Hanau Steinheim, Herrmann Ehlerstrasse, Friedhof Nord (north cemetery).

Joseph, 48, died of a heart attack Sept. 27.

Dishes sold at AAFES recalled

DALLAS — Some Lynn's Concepts Belagio blue dishes are being recalled because they failed to meet safe limits set by the Food and Drug Administration for lead leaching.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service sold about 2,300 pieces in Europe, officials said, before removing the items from stores. They had been on the shelves about four months. Customers can return the bowls at their local Exchanges for full refunds.

The item numbers affected: 9514104, 480101595, blue serving bowl 9.5"; 9884904, 480101596, serving platter 14" or 12"; 8779031, 480105187, blue mug 8 ounce; 8160945, 480107012, blue bowl 8.5"; 4185285, 480110088, blue dinner plate 10"; 7376847, 480112668, blue salad plate 7.5".

From staff reports

Naples terminal gets high marks

New facility on Navy base pleases passengers, pilots

BY KEITH BOYDSTON
Naples bureau

NAPLES, Italy — Travelers flying into and out of Naples now can enjoy a new, state-of-the-art air operations facility and passenger terminal that's loaded with customer amenities on the Capodichino Navy base.

The multi-level, \$7 million facility opened Sept. 14 to very little fanfare because of the recent terrorist attacks in the United States.

The terminal boasts a convenience store and Italian coffee bar, a fully outfitted nursery and a car rental desk.

There's a barbershop in the main lobby area. And the United Services Organization offers free use of computers and Internet access to travelers.

"We're trying to concentrate on the traveler," said Navy Chief Petty Officer Bob Hurley, the air terminal and Navy base air operations department chief. "We want to provide the resources to meet the travel needs of passengers when they come to Naples."

And travelers seem impressed with the new facility and the services offered.

"I didn't expect all this when we came in, it's really nice," said Angela Evans as she waited Friday for a flight to La Maddalena, Italy, where her Navy husband is assigned. "It's like a miniature version of a modern [passenger terminal] you'd see in the States."

"It's very comfortable and there's a lot of stuff in here,"



PHOTOS BY KEITH BOYDSTON/Stars and Stripes

The new base operations complex and air passenger terminal at the Capodichino Navy base in Naples, Italy, will feature more amenities as funds become available.

agreed Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John Hitchcock, getting his hair cut in the terminal's barbershop while waiting on a flight to Sigonella, Sicily. "It just makes it nicer when you have time to kill when waiting for a flight."

Hurley said that more additions are planned in the coming days — things like a large bank of public telephones and more computers for travelers to use. A Burger King is scheduled to open by the end of the month.

"From a traveler's standpoint, this is an outstanding facility," Hurley said. "And we'll add more and more [amenities] as funding becomes available."

Pilots give the new facility their seal of approval.

"This is probably the smoothest base operations we've been through in Europe," said Air Force Maj. Chuck Osum, a Reserve C-130 pilot with the 440th Airlift Wing out of Milwaukee, Wis. "The building is awesome, plus you can get a great cappuccino here, too."

The four level, 44,000-square-foot structure is home also to the Navy base air operations department, the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, a U.S. Naval hospital contingency unit and the Disaster Preparation offices.

More than 70 servicemembers and civilians work in the facility and most are pleased with their new surroundings.

"As a [weather] observer, this is great," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ava Venishei, assigned to the Naval European Meteorology

and Oceanography command. "It's much easier to take an observation from here, and we have much more space."

But other areas lost out in the move to the new building.

"We lost a lot of space in some areas and about half of our passenger seating," said Paola Piga, a passenger service specialist at the terminal. "But for the most part, it's better for the passengers with everything in one central area."

About 10 to 12 flights come through Naples daily and some 6,000 passengers pass through each month.

Piga said the baggage claim and passenger arrival and departure areas are smaller than in the old terminal and on some days it posed a problem.

"For certain things we improved," Piga said. "But as far as passenger areas, we lost. There are not enough chairs and the baggage area gets overcrowded. I'm much more concerned for the passengers."

"It's certainly an improvement over the old facility," added Hurley. "But from an operational standpoint, we have to constantly look at how to improve. We're going through some growing pains right now."

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Paola Piga, left, a passenger service specialist, discusses check-in procedures and baggage requirements with Diana Belgrande, a customer service representative in the new air passenger terminal at the Capodichino Navy base in Naples, Italy.

Bad conduct discharge

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Airman 1st Class Susan D. Guerrero received a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days and a reduction in rank to airman basic during a court-martial Monday.

Guerrero, of the 48th Medical Support Squadron, entered a plea of guilty to two counts of possessing and wrongfully using a controlled substance, specifically marijuana and Ecstasy.

The crime is a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

BOSS team's the best

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The 415th Base Support Battalion's Better Op-

portunities for Single Servicemembers won awards at the U.S. Army Europe and Department of the Army levels.

The BOSS team gave best event and installation presentations of its community program's accomplishments at the USAREUR conference in Garmisch in April and won in both categories. Then, in September, its presentations at the Department of the Army conference gave them firsts in the best event (small installation) and best installation (small installation) categories.

"We knew we had an exceptional BOSS program and BOSS event to submit this year, and we were confident going into it," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dedria Porterfield, of the 415th BSB. "However, you never know, for there are many outstanding BOSS programs around the world."

BOSS is an organization that serves the needs of the single servicemember in three categories: soldier welfare, community service, and recreation and leisure.

Special 'West Wing' episode

FRANKFURT — A special episode of the popular presidential TV drama "The West Wing" will air on American Forces Network at 9 p.m. Thursday night, one night after it airs in the States.

This special one-hour episode of the Emmy Award-winning series, titled "Isaac and Ishmael," will attempt to deal with some of the real-world struggles people are currently facing in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, according to NBC.

"It's just a stand-alone episode," said

Roger Williams, official spokesman for AFN. "It doesn't have anything to do with the current series we're running."

The episode was written by Aaron Sorokin, the show's creator and executive producer.

West Wing producers are apparently remaining tight-lipped about the show's details, not even releasing whether the "major act of violence" in the episode will be terrorist-related, but the Los Angeles Times reported on Tuesday that the storyline will focus on the subject "obliquely."

The special show will air on the Europe-Atlantic channel at 9 p.m. "NYPD Blue," normally aired in that time-slot, will pick up next week where it left off, Williams said.

From staff reports